

CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

VOL. 45

NOVEMBER, 1936

NO. 5

California and Western Medicine

Owned and Published by the

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Four Fifty Sutter, Room 2004, San Francisco, Phone DOuglas 0062

Address editorial communications to Dr. George H. Kress as per address above; advertising and business communications to Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis, also at above address.

EDITOR GEORGE H. KRESS

Advertisements.—The Journal is published on the seventh of the month. Advertising copy must be received not later than the fifteenth of the month preceding issue. Advertising rates will be sent on request.

BUSINESS MANAGER . FREDERICK C. WARNSHUIS

Advertising Representative for Northern California

L. J. FLYNN, 544 Market Street, San Francisco (DOuglas 0577)

Copyright, 1936, by the California Medical Association

Subscription prices, \$5 (\$6 for foreign countries); single copies, 50 cents.

Volumes begin with the first of January and the first of July. Subscriptions may commence at any time.

Change of Address.—Request for change of address should give both the old and the new address. No change in any address on the mailing list will be made until such change is requested by county secretaries or by the member concerned.

Responsibility for Statements and Conclusions in Original Articles.—Authors are responsible for all statements, conclusions and methods of presenting their subjects. These may or may not be in harmony with the views of the editorial staff. It is aimed to permit authors to have as wide latitude as the general policy of the journal and the demands on its space may permit. The right to reduce or reject any article is always reserved.

Contributions—Exclusive Publication.—Articles are accepted for publication on condition that they are contributed solely to this journal.

Contributions—Length of Articles: Extra Costs.—Original articles should not exceed three and one-half pages in length. Authors who wish articles of greater length printed must pay extra costs involved. Illustrations in excess of amount allowed by the Council are also extra.

Leaflet Regarding Rules of Publication.—CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE has prepared a leaflet explaining its rules regarding publication. This leaflet gives suggestions on the preparation of manuscripts and of illustrations. It is suggested that contributors to this journal write to its office requesting a copy of this leaflet.

DEPARTMENT INDEX

(Itemized Index of Articles is printed on Front Cover)

	PAGE
Editorials	377
Editorial Comment	381
Original Articles	382
Lure of Medical History	420
Clinical Notes and Case Reports	423
Bedside Medicine	425
California Medical Association	430
C. M. A. Department of Public Relations	434
Woman's Auxiliary to C. M. A.	438
News	441
Letters	444
Special Articles	446
Twenty-Five Years Ago; State Examining Board	448
Index to Advertisements	Adv. p. 8

EDITORIALS†

"SAN FERNANDO PLAN" OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY*: ITS EFFICIENCY IN THE OUT-PATIENT MEDICAL CARE OF INDIGENT CITIZENS

How the "San Fernando Plan" for Out-patients Came Into Existence.—From time to time during the last three years, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE has presented editorial and other comment upon a new experiment, inaugurated in 1933 by the County of Los Angeles, whereby, under authority of the Board of Supervisors, out-patient medical care was given to indigent citizens in the private offices of physicians. First tried out in the San Fernando Valley, this so-called "San Fernando Plan" has served a territory including nine districts not a part of the metropolitan area of Los Angeles County.

In 1924, the County Health Department started its first "Health and Welfare Center," and soon nine such headquarters were instituted, each provided with a modern building adapted not only for preventive, but also with limited curative facilities. Prior to that time, ambulatory patients of these districts went for care to the out-patient service of the Los Angeles County Hospital, or to medical school and other dispensaries.

* * *

The Protest Against the County Health Department's Health Centers.—At the end of several years, however, the manner in which these "Health Centers" were administered by the County Health Department provoked protests from local physicians who had been invited to give gratuitous service in the attached clinics; and, as a consequence, based on a legal opinion rendered by the County Counsel in June, 1932, the curative clinics were again placed under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Hospital.

* * *

The Proposal Made by Physicians of the San Fernando District.—Meanwhile, members of the medical profession in the San Fernando district having found the clinic work onerous, since

† Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comment column, which follows.

* Articles on the San Fernando plan were printed in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, as follows: Issue of December, 1933, on page 417; January, 1935, on page 16.